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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BANGLADESH FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL
HOSSAIN TO BONN

REF: A. DACCA 3905; B. BONN 11797; C. BONN 13291

1. BANGLADESH FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN
VISITED BONN THE FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER AND MET WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, STATE SECRETARY ROHWEDDER
IN THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY AND STATE SECRETARY BRUECK
IN THE AID MINISTRY. WE DISCUSSED THIS VISIT WITH
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KLAMSER OF THE FRG AID

MINISTRY WHO INCIDENTALLY DEPARTS THIS WEEK TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH DACCA OVER FRG AID LEVELS FOR 1975 AND RESCHEDULING OF ITS BILATERAL DEBT (SEE PARA 2 OF REFTEL C). KLAMSER MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON KAMAL'S VISIT.

2. FORMATION OF CONSORTIUM FOR BANGLADESH. KLAMSER SAID THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE FLEXIBILITY IN KAMAL'S VIEW TOWARD FORMATION OF THIS CONSORTIUM PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO NATIONALITY OF THE CHAIRMAN AND LOCATION OF THE CONSORTIUM. KAMAL ALSO TOLD THE GERMANS THAT THE DACCA GOVERNMENT HAD RAISED THE ISSUE OF ARAB PARTICIPATION WITH A VARIETY OF ARAB GOVERNMENTS, BUT HAD NO REPORT ON THOSE GOVERNMENTS' INTENTIONS. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, KLAMSER SAID HE CONFIRMED THAT THE IBRD STAFF IS SUGGESTING SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSORTIUM. IN THIS CONNECTION KLAMSER REGRETTED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DONOR COUNTRY PREPARATORY DISCUSSIONS NEXT WEEK AND REITERATED THAT THE FRG STRONGLY SUPPORTS CREATION OF THE CONSORTIUM.

3. UN SPECIAL FUND. KAMAL IS REPORTED TO HAVE ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER ABOUT THE FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD CREATION OF THE UN SPECIAL FUND. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD CONTINUOUSLY BY FRG OFFICIALS (SEE BONN 14609) THAT THE FRG IS NOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING A CONTRIBUTION TO THIS FUND. THERE IS A GENERAL LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS PROGRAM AMONG FOREIGN OFFICE AND AID MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

4. RESCHEDULING MEETING IN DACCA. WITH REGARD TO HIS TRIP TO DACCA, KLAMSER SAID THE TASK OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON RESCHEDULING, AID LEVELS, AND RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH OVER WHO IS TO PAY FOR PROJECTS FOLLOWING THE WAR IS IMMENSE. HE SAID THE FRG CONTINUES TO INSIST ON A LINK BETWEEN RESCHEDULING AND 1975 AID LEVELS AS THE ONLY INSURANCE THAT BANGLADESH WILL PAY ITS DEBTS. HILLENBRAND

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